

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
)
) Plaintiff,)
)
) vs.) No. 1:23CR00110SNLJ(ACL)
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TONY ELLIS, JR.,)
)
) Defendant.)

GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO
DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR PRETRIAL DISCLOSURE

Comes now the United States of America, by and through its attorneys, Sayler A. Fleming, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, and Paul W. Hahn, Assistant United States Attorney for said District, and for the Government's Response to Defendant's Request for Pretrial Disclosure, states and alleges as follows:

**1. EVIDENCE WHICH MAY BE THE BASIS FOR PRETRIAL MOTIONS
FOR SEVERANCE OR TO SUPPRESS EVIDENCE**

The Government has provided to counsel for the Defendant, consistent with the Order of the Court, a complete disclosure of all information as required under Rule 12(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, including the arguably suppressible evidence it intends to offer at trial against the Defendant.

A. Search Warrant. There were no Search warrants obtained to search any property as to which Defendant might arguably have a reasonable expectation of privacy regarding the present charge pending against him in this cause.

B. Application for Search Warrant. There were no applications for any search warrant made with reference to the present charge pending against Defendant in this cause.

Rule 16 Material

The Government incorporates by reference herein the Government's Response to Court's Order Concerning Rule 12(b) Disclosure which was previously provided to counsel for the Defendant. Pursuant to the requirements of Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Government states that:

C. Statements of Defendant.

1. Relevant Written or Recorded Statements.

There are no relevant written or recorded statements made by the defendant which are within the possession, custody or control of the government.

2. Written Records Containing Substance of Oral Statements

The written records containing the substance of relevant oral statements made by the defendant in response to interrogation by any person then known to the defendant to be a government agent are as follows:

- (a) The Report by Officer Darren Dixon with the Stoddard County Sheriff's Department dated June 15, 2023;

A copy of this report has been provided to counsel for defendant.

3. Grand Jury Testimony.

The defendant has not testified before a grand jury relating to the offense charged.

4. Other Relevant Oral Statements.

The defendant has not made any other relevant oral statements in response to interrogation by any person then known by the defendant to be a government agent which the Government intends to use at trial.

D. Prior Criminal Record. A copy of defendant's prior record, along with reports of law enforcement officers for the indicted offense, have been previously provided to counsel for the defendant, and include the following:

- (a) Criminal history printout on defendant.

E. Documents and Tangible Objects. The Government will permit the defendant to inspect and copy or photograph those items set forth under the provisions of Rule 16(c) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, which are within the possession, custody, or control of the Government, which are material to the preparation of the defendant's defense or are intended for use by the Government as evidence-in-chief at the trial, or were obtained from or belong to the defendant, including the following:

- (a) Items referenced in the report, prepared by Officer Darren Dixon with the Stoddard County Sheriff's Department, dated June 15, 2023, including a Marlin, 60SB .22 caliber semi-automatic rifle;
- (b) Audio/video recording of the body camera footage of the execution of the search of the residence;
- (c) The Search warrant for the cell phone, along with application, affidavit and return;
- (d) Photographs taken during the execution of the search of the residence;

Copies of these items listed above have been provided to counsel for defendant.

F. Reports of Examinations or Tests. The Government will permit the defendant to inspect, copy, or photograph any results or reports of physical or mental examinations, and scientific tests or experiments, or copies thereof, which are within the possession, custody, or control of the Government, the existence of which is known, or by the exercise of due diligence may become known, to the attorney for the Government, and which are material to the preparation of the defense or are intended for use by the Government as evidence in chief at the trial. These items will be made available for inspecting, photographing, or copying at the Office of the United States Attorney upon reasonable notice to the Government.

The Government may introduce into evidence in its case in chief testimony regarding the following reports of examinations and tests:

- (a) Interstate Nexus report of the firearm prepared by ATF Special Agent John Taylor.

G. Expert Witnesses. The Government will provide defendant with a written summary of testimony the Government intends to use under Rule 702, 703 or 705 of the Federal Rules of Evidence during its case in chief at trial as required by Rule 16(a)(1)(E) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. This summary will include the witnesses' opinions, the bases and the reasons therefor, and the qualifications of the witness. The Government will provide this information reasonably in advance of trial.

The Government may introduce into evidence in its case in chief the following testimony of expert witnesses:

- (a) ATF Special Agent John Taylor, who will testify in accordance with his report regarding the interstate nexus for the firearm.

2. BRADY MATERIAL.

The Government is aware of its obligations under Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963); Giglio v. United States, 405 U.S. 150, 92 S. Ct. 763, 31 L. Ed. 2d 104 (1972), and will comply therewith.

3. NAPUE V. ILLINOIS MATERIALS

The Government is aware of its obligations under Napue v. Illinois, 360 U.S. 264, 79 S. Ct. 1173, 3 L. Ed. 2 1217 (1959), and will comply therewith.

4. JENCKS MATERIAL

The Government agrees to provide pretrial disclosure of all Jencks material which is discoverable under the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3500. This disclosure will be made no later than the Friday before trial, in accordance with the custom and practice of this district. This concession on the part of the Government is predicated upon a similar concession from the defendant with the Government's motion for production of statements of witnesses previously filed.

5. ELECTRONIC OR WIRE COMMUNICATIONS

There was no "electronic surveillance" conducted in this case.

6. RULE 404(b) MATERIALS

The Government will comply with the dictates of Rule 404(b) regarding the appropriate disclosure of such evidence should the Government determine that it will offer evidence under Rule 404(b).

7. DISCLOSURE OF CONSIDERATION OFFERED TO INFORMANTS

Should the Government seek to call any potential confidential informant as a witness in this case, any promises or consideration paid or inducement offered to said informant will be disclosed in sufficient time to permit the defense to effectively cross-examine any witnesses effected thereby or to present such evidence in their case in chief.

8. ROUGH NOTES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Defendant has moved that government investigators be ordered to disclose any rough notes developed during the investigation. Under present law, the Government is not required even to preserve such notes. United States v. Leisure, 844 F.2d 1347, 1360-61 (8th Cir. 1988); United States v. Kuykendall, 633 F.2d 118, 119-20 (8th Cir. 1980); cf. Arizona v. Youngblood, 488 U.S. 51, 58 (1988). However, the Eighth Circuit has indicated that the better practice is to preserve rough notes in case a future need for them arises. Leisure, 844 F.2d at 1360-61 n.10. The Government opposes any motion to produce those notes. The Government is aware of its duty to produce material subject to the rule in Brady v. Maryland and its progeny. The Government will also produce any rough notes which were signed or adopted by a witness in the Government's case in chief and any recorded statements of the witness, pursuant to the Jencks Act. United States v. Shyres, 898 F.2d 647, 657 (8th Cir. 1990). The Government is under no duty to produce agents' rough notes or "statements" that fall outside these two areas, however. Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(2); United States v. Williams, 962 F.2d 1218, 1224-25 (6th Cir.), cert. denied, 113 S. Ct. 264 (1992); United States v. Pisello, 877 F.2d 762, 767-68 (9th Cir. 1989); United States v. Dekle, 768 F.2d 1257, 1263 (11th Cir. 1985); Kuykendall, 633 F.2d at 119-20; United States v. Burger, 773 F.Supp. 1419, 1425 (D. Kan. 1991).

9. SCOPE OF DEFENDANT'S DISCOVERY REQUEST.

There is no general constitutional right to discovery in a criminal case. United States v. Bagley, 473 U.S. 667, 105 S.Ct. 3375 (1985); United States v. Grier, 866 F.2d 908, 917 (7th Cir. 1989). In most criminal prosecutions, Rule 16, the rule of Brady v. Maryland, and the Jencks Act exhaust the scope of discovery to which a defendant is entitled. United States v. Presser, 844 F.2d 1275, 1286 n. 12 (6th Cir. 1988).

The defendant's motion for discovery and inspection requests the production and/or inspection of numerous matters which may exceed the scope of Rule 16, Brady v. Maryland and the Jencks Act. The Government objects to each and every request contained in defendant's motion not specifically provided for in Rule 16, Brady v. Maryland, or the Jencks Act, as being beyond the scope required by Brady; 18 U.S.C. § 2510-20; 18 U.S.C. § 3504; and Rules 12(d)(2), 16, and 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 23, 2023, the foregoing was filed electronically with the Clerk of the Court to be served by operation of the Court's electronic filing system upon the following:

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